

## Ecclesiastical

### FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE'S DOTS AND DASHES.

A good check for \$622 yesterday brings the \$50,000 debt fund up to \$18,267.19. If we reach the \$400,000 mark, (and should there be any doubt?) the women of the church will truly deserve much of the credit.

Our total receipts to date amount to \$349,600.98, which leaves only \$59,359.02 necessary to be received before March 31, and our goal, \$400,000, will be reached. Most of this amount is probably in the hands already of our church and presbyterial treasurers and needs only to be sent in. Examine your treasury and remit within the next eight days. The work needs the money and needs the satisfaction that \$400,000 will mean. Such a worthy example to Canada if our report at the Laymen's Convention at Toronto, April 3, can read, "Receipts \$400,000."

Mr. Speer says: "Other people are talking brotherhood, the missionary is exemplifying it." One of our missionaries in Korea who receives \$50 a month had a tempting offer from a large firm in Korea of \$200 a month and expenses, but he replied "No, I am satisfied." Men of the caliber of our missionaries not only attract but command the attention of the outside world.

Children's Day, May 23, is for the "Graybill Memorial School," Mexico. Arranged program, recitations, songs, etc., will be ready April 15, and will be sent postpaid for the asking.

"I am the happiest woman in Korea" writes Miss Nellie B. Rankin, Chunju, Korea. In answer to prayer a lady in Pennsylvania sent her a personal gift of \$2,500. Miss Rankin says when the check came they were just having conference regarding a school problem and were at their wits, and to know how to have a girls' school with no house. This amount had been given that lady by her husband for a Christmas gift. The donor says "I have been so surprised to have any notice taken of it. I feel it was just God's gift to me to hand over to Miss Rankin for his work." Love asks not how much must I do, but how much can I do.

About 500 societies have subscribed for the Executive Committee's monthly leaflets. Besides these about 500 societies order them monthly. For Africa, the April topic, the leaflets include: Story of our Congo Mission, by Dr. Morrison, Children of the Kassal, by Mrs. Sheppard, Missionary Letter, by Mr. Selg, He Saveth to the Uttermost. Dots and Dashes, Suggestions, Program. Price 10 cents a month. \$1.00 pays for a year, and saves you time, postage, stationery and possible delay.

Mr. White said at Birmingham, "The echoes of this Convention will be heard around the world." Rev. H. W. Myers, Kobe, Japan, on hearing of the Convention writes, "We are praying that it will give the men of the church a mighty uplift. For such a great church as ours what a trifling little bit we are doing for the salvation of the world!" A man

in North Carolina, who had been giving 10 cents a week, attended the Birmingham Convention and gave \$100 for Dr. Bradley's hospital. An Arkansas pastor reported to his church his pledge for \$100 for Dr. Bradley's hospital, made at Birmingham, and his church gave him \$208 to pay it with. Our people need only to know. "Why and how of Foreign Missions" tells in an interesting and condensed way much about this subject that all should know, printed on good paper, clear type, 286 pages, size 7x5 inches, price 50 cents cloth; 35 cents paper.

Of the churches 872 are now receiving the quarterly Station Reports from the Foreign Field. A share costs only \$50 a year and secures for you these reports. Have all your gifts applied to one field and receive reports from that field. Let us tell you about the Forward Movement plan.

Address all communications to Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tenn.

### TO THE PASTORS AND SESSIONS OF FAYETTEVILLE AND ORANGE PRESBYTERIES.

Dear Brethren:

Dr. Vardell is in imperative need of another building. He needs it and wants it at once, for office room, for his family and for the college girls. He wants to build, he needs to build, he must build during the coming summer. In order to build, he must have money—\$10,000.

He has made a heroic effort to raise this money among friends in the South, with some success, and in the North, with no success. He now comes to us, the owners of the college, as he has a right to do, and ask us to raise it. No man knows better than I the numerous and pressing calls for money that are made upon us almost every day. But I feel that we must water the vine of our own planting. To give you some idea of what I know about calls for money, I invite your attention to the following statement of facts: During the ecclesiastical year which closes the first of April, my people have increased their gifts to all the benevolent causes, have assumed a debt of \$16,500 on our new church and given their individual notes for the same, have paid all their current expenses, have made extra offerings of \$250 to Synodical home missions and \$100 to the orphanage at Barium Springs, have pledged \$600 annually for the support of our own foreign missionary pastor, and \$1,000 for the H. G. Hill memorial fund of Union Theological Seminary, are now raising \$65 for the purchase of a small organ for the use of our young folk, and will shortly raise about \$100 to provide electric lights for our church.

Notwithstanding all this, we make you the following offer: We of Red Springs will give \$5,000—our half of the sum needed—provided you, the two great Presbyteries of Fayetteville and Orange, will give \$5,000 more—the other half. What do you say to that? Say, "It's a bargain. We'll raise it, we'll raise it at once and raise it with a shout!"

And let me venture another suggestion. Hitherto the Presbytery (Fayette-

ville) has given moral support, adopted resolutions, approved plans of procedure and asked the churches to "open their doors" to Dr. Vardell, but she has never bestirred herself to raise money for the college. Whenever that was to be done, Dr. Vardell has had to go out and do it. That is not right. You are the ones to raise this money, and you need the exercise you would get in doing it. Dr. Vardell is needed right here all the time. He can not possibly visit all the ninety-three churches of Fayetteville Presbytery, to say nothing of Orange. He ought not to have to visit any of them in this cause. Let us abandon our laissez faire policy, and raise the money ourselves. Do you know that if Dr. Vardell had not been a man of unusual ability, coupled with indefatigable energy, our great college would have died still born, or at most would never have amounted to anything more than a wretched little "prep" school? He has made it a great college, let us have the glory of making it and keeping it a greater college. For all the past and today the welfare of the college depends on our one man. This ought not to be.

Come, brethren, the time for adopting resolutions and approving plans and waiting for Dr. Vardell to come and raise the money, is past—kids and molly-coddles can do that. The time for raising money—\$5,000 in good hard cash—has come. This requires men. You call yourselves by that great name. You now have a splendid opportunity to prove your right to that distinguished title, by meeting our offer dollar for dollar.

Fraternally yours,

R. W. Jopling.

Red Springs, N. C.

### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Forty-ninth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will meet in the First Presbyterian church in Savannah, Ga., May 20, at 11 a. m., and will be opened with a sermon by Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., Moderator of the last General Assembly. The undersigned will be in the lecture room of the church, May 19, at 8 p. m.; also May 20, at 9 a. m., for the purpose of enrolling commissioners. Stated Clerks of Presbyteries will please forward to the Stated Clerk at Clarksville, Tenn., their Statistical, Sunday school, Societies, Systematic Benevolence, Narrative reports, and response to the Assembly's overtures, together with all overtures and other papers for the Assembly, if they can do so, on or before May 13; otherwise forward to him at Savannah. The statistical tables should be mailed to the Stated Clerk as soon as prepared, and by all means in advance of the meeting of the Assembly. Please notify the chairman of the local Committee of Arrangements, of the names and addresses of your commissioners and alternates as soon as appointed. Clerks of Synods will please forward overtures and report time and place of their next meeting.

Thos. H. Law, Permanent Clerk.  
W. A. Alexander, Stated Clerk.